

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in the application. Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 10, 11, and 16 have been amended to better describe certain aspects of the invention. Claims 22-24 have been added to further describe the invention. Favorable reconsideration in light of the amendments, the new claims, and the remarks which follow is respectfully requested.

The Amendments and Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner's indication that claims 3, 4, 7, 8, and 11-15 contain allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. Independent claims 1 and 6 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claims 3 and 7, respectively. Independent claim 10 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 11. Claims 2, 3, 7, and 11 have been amended to better describe their subject matter.

New claim 22 contains the subject matter of original claim 1 and allowable claim 4. New claim 23 contains the subject matter of original claim 6 and allowable claim 8. New claim 24 contains the subject matter of original claim 10 and allowable claim 14.

The Indefiniteness Rejection

Claims 16-21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, with regard to contact amongst the olefin and catalysts. Claim 16 has been amended to better describe the interaction and contact amongst the components that leads to the formation of the impact copolymer. It is believed that one skilled in the art would readily understand the method of making an impact copolymer.

The Cited Art Rejection

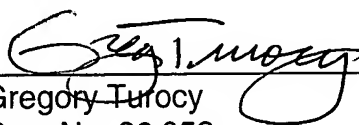
Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, and 10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) and/or under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Ashton et al (U.S. Patent 6,136,745). Ashton et al relates to polyethylene catalysts. Since claims 1, 6, and 10 have been amended to include allowable subject matter therein, this rejection is rendered moot.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would be helpful to expedite favorable prosecution, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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